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NEWS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting

This information is based on a preliminary investigation. Around 9:40 AM, San Antonio Police Officer Dwayne Harlan, a 15-year veteran, was on his police motorcycle in the 2000 block of Castroville Road when he was flagged down by a woman who said a man in a car had just grabbed her purse and fled.

Officer Harlan saw the suspect's vehicle speeding away and followed him onto a dead-end street, 100 block of Inez. The suspect turned his vehicle around and headed directly towards the officer. Officer Harlan drew his service weapon as the suspect continued towards the officer. Fearing for his life, Officer Harlan fired his service weapon as the suspect's vehicle collided with the officer and motorcycle. After striking the officer, the suspect fled the scene.

A call was then received from 2503 Waverly for a shooting victim. When officers arrived, they found the suspect involved in the theft of the purse and the officer-involved shooting with a gunshot wound to his left side. The suspect had apparently stopped at the address to seek medical attention. It is not believed that the suspect knew the owner of the home.

46-year-old Officer Dwayne Harlan suffered non life-threatening injuries, but is seeking medical attention for several minor injuries. He will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard procedure in all officer-involved shootings. The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and forward their findings to the Chief of Police and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

The 25-year-old suspect suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to University Hospital via EMS. The suspect will face numerous felony offenses, which will be determined later today. Information on the suspect will be released once he is officially charged and magistrates.

The suspect's vehicle was impounded and will be transported to the SAPD Car Pound along with the officer's motorcycle. The purse was recovered and was returned to the victim of the purse theft.

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